



Don't Open Attachments in Fake "State Court" Emails

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MADISON – If you have received an email claiming to be from the "State Court" about your required appearance, delete it and do NOT open any attached files.

There is no legitimacy to the email's claim that you need to appear in court and the attachments to these emails contain malicious software that can infect your computer with a virus.

The emails falsely claim that you have to appear in court on a particular date, and you are told to prepare all documents relating to "the case." They also warn that the case may be heard by the judge in your absence if you do not come to court. The emails say that the court notice is attached. Again, this attachment contains malware, so simply delete and disregard the email.

Variations of this scam have been reported nationwide and a number of state and federal agencies have issued warnings about these emails. In general, unless you are participating in an electronically filed case or have consented to receive court notifications and reminders electronically, Wisconsin courts will not be sending you email.

For additional information or to file a complaint, visit the Consumer Protection Bureau at <http://datcp.wisconsin.gov>, send an e-mail to datcp hotline@wisconsin.gov or call the Consumer Information Hotline toll-free at 1-800-422-7128.

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